

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY SCHOOL
SYSTEM REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

Present:

Jeff Whitmore, Chairman
Tom Holland, Vice-Chairman
Mark Clark
Jennifer Murdock
Pamela Bryson
Bridgett Hopkins
Danny Bryant

Bill Hopkins, Superintendent

Also Attending:

Eric Jones
Christine Tuten
Steve Giffin
Cindy Young
Tricia Jean
Claudia Styles
Adam McCormick
Rujena Dotson

Chairman Whitmore called the meeting to order. Mrs. Murdock made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All board members voted aye.

Chairman Whitmore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve minutes from the January 4, 2021 board meeting; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Holland made a motion to approve January disbursements; second by Mrs. Murdock. All board members voted aye.

Principals' Reports -

Dr. Claudia Styles – reported that RAS had finished the 100th day of school, and students participated in a number of activities celebrating the number “100”. RAS also recognized awards students with a special visit by Dr. Styles and Dr. Carter, who congratulated them with confetti-filled balloons. Parent-teacher conferences went well with teachers having an opportunity to share data with parents. RAS is presently surveying virtual learning families for their input on the virtual learning program. Also, 14 adults who work at RAS are spending 30 minutes per week working with kindergarten students on Letter Sound Fluency.

Mrs. Jean – shared that FMS teachers are very appreciative of continuing Remote Learning Wednesdays. Virtual learning enrollment is the same as the previous month, 21 in fifth grade, 30 in sixth grade, 22 in seventh and 32 in eighth. FMS is encouraging virtual learning students to come by the school for an hour on Wednesdays so that teachers can touch base with the students in person. FMS did its mid-year benchmark, and administrators took time with each student and discussed data, which left a good impression on students and parents. Ice cream was awarded to students who showed growth, and a pizza party was held for those students who were at or above grade level, and administrators had lunch with the students. FMS boys are playing tonight at LCHS in the semifinals of the tournament. A pep rally walkthrough was held earlier today.

Mr. McCormick – reported that basketball season is continuing, and the Governor’s ban has been lifted,

resulting in cheerleaders being able to cheer at games and allowing the school to sell 300 tickets. FFA Week is Feb. 22-27, and students will be making FFA videos which will be shared with Ralph Askins School, as well as Riverside Christian Academy. Additional activities will be held throughout the week, including the strawberry sale and service project, which involves collecting items for the local animal shelter. FHS enrollment is at 361 with 115 who are virtual learners and 246 who are coming to the building. Coach Keys was in attendance with Mr. McCormick. He shared an overview of the FEMA grant which has been awarded to the school system. The facility will also include a new gymnasium.

Supervisors' Reports -

Mr. Jones – reported that substantial progress has been made on the list of needs reported by the Facilities Committee during the previous school board meeting. An estimate of \$130,000 to \$160,000 for materials and installation of the sidewalk covers at RAS has been received. A roof specialist has been contacted regarding the FMS roof. A request will be made that the Fayetteville Fire Department “flood” the roof with water to help the roofing specialist identify potential problems and provide solutions. Mr. Jones is continuing to receive estimates regarding the proposed sports facility. He also noted that Schneider Electric will be on hand for a work session prior to the March school board meeting to present a proposal to the board.

Mrs. Dotson – was watching the meeting remotely while working with Mrs. Tuten. Mr. Hopkins shared that Mrs. Dotson is working heavily on the ESSER 2.0 plan.

Mr. Giffin – reported he has been gathering employees’ salary schedules and supplements to be reviewed during the budget process. He and Mrs. Warden have surveyed employees about receiving the COVID vaccinations. A total of 216 employees were surveyed, and 116 indicated they did want the vaccine, while 100 declined. Mr. Giffin is also reviewing transcripts at the high school to make sure all are correct. He is also still working daily on EIS data.

Mrs. Tuten - was watching the meeting remotely while working with Mrs. Dotson, according to Mr. Hopkins.

Ms. Young - reported that she is working on the PreK grant. She expects to retain the three classrooms and add back the fourth locally funded classroom. Registration will begin next week. FCS received 129 Chromebooks through a grant, with the \$32,000 cost being reimbursed. There are two student-teachers at RAS this year, one from Martin Methodist and another from MTSU. Mrs. Young has gone through the lengthy process to be a coordinating teacher for MTSU as the university has had no one in this area in that position. She is also obtaining information about Reading 360.

CFO Report –

Lisa Williams – thanked JoAnn Scott Stevens for her assistance in training her for the CFO position. They have worked on payroll, human resources, payments to vendors, general ledger reporting, monthly retirement, accounts receivable and federal grants reporting, among other things, and with Cindy Young’s help, they’ve uploaded teachers’ salaries into TNCompass. The budget process will begin in February. There will also be a conference call about BEP tomorrow.

Reports -

Facilities and Transportation – It was noted that Schneider Electric will make a presentation in a 4 p.m., work session prior to the March 1 regular board meeting.

Mr. Jones noted that two bus drivers have been out due to surgery; therefore, other bus drivers have had to double up on routes. He commended the drivers for their efforts and the schools for their patience.

Finance – Line Item Amendment #2 General Education Fund FY2021 in the amount of \$2,898 was approved. The amendment transfers most of travel line item since we are not using travel this year to health equipment line item. Chairman Whitmore made the motion; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Insurance and Policy – Ms. Bryson said the policy committee will meet at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday.

Superintendent's Report -

Mr. Hopkins recognized Megan Hall, director of nutrition, who requested that the board pass a resolution discontinuing membership in VOLCO in order to seek requests for proposals for a food management company. Mr. Clark made a motion to pass the resolution informing VOLCO of the school system's intent to withdraw from membership; second by Vice Chairman Holland. All members voted aye.

Mr. Hopkins presented the proposed Academic Calendar for 2021-2022. Mrs. Murdock made the motion to approve the calendar; second by Mrs. Hopkins. All members voted aye.

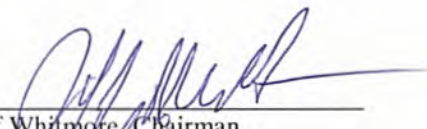
Constance Dulin, a tenured teacher, has announced her retirement. Mrs. Bryson moved to accept her resignation; second by Mrs. Murdock.

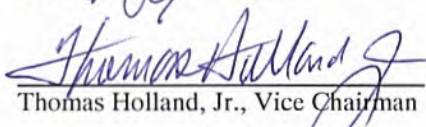
Mr. Hopkins reminded the board that Remote Learning Wednesdays will continue through February and March.

Chairman's Report -

Chairman Whitmore asked board members to consider adopting a resolution declaring February 4 as Principal Appreciation Day. Chairman Whitmore moved to adopt the resolution; second by Mr. Clark. All members voted aye.

The meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Whitmore, Chairman

Thomas Holland, Jr., Vice Chairman

Minutes submitted by Sandy Williams